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Ms. Paula Hammond
Secretary of Transportation
Department of Transportation
Olympia, Washington

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Attention: Ms. Stephanie Tax

**Transportation Planning Finding, and the
2008-2011 Statewide Transportation
Improvement Program (STIP) Federal
Approval**

Dear Ms. Hammond:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) received the December 13, 2006 letter along with the 2008-2011 STIP from Ms. Stephanie Tax requesting approval.

Planning Finding: Based on the State DOT and MPOs self-certifications of their statewide and metropolitan transportation planning processes, review of self-certification supporting documentation, Federal certification of TMAs within the State, and our involvement in the State and MPO transportation planning processes, the FHWA and FTA hereby find that the transportation planning process substantially meets the requirements of 23 U.S.C. Sections 134 and 135 and 49 U.S.C. Sections 5303-5305.

Approval: Based on our review of the 2008-2011 STIP, the FHWA and FTA hereby find that the projects in the 2008-2011 STIP are based on a transportation planning process that substantially meets the requirements of 23 Sections 134 and 135 and 49 U.S.C. Sections 5303-5305. Therefore, the 2008-2011 STIP submitted by Ms. Tax is approved.

Approval of the STIP is not to be construed as a Federal-aid eligibility determination. Each project must satisfy the specific requirements of the program from which Federal funds are requested, as well as other Federal requirements as appropriate before Federal funds are authorized.

If you have any questions concerning our joint action of the transportation planning finding and 2008-2011 STIP approval, please contact Sid Stecker of FHWA at 360-753-9555 and/or Ned Conroy of FTA at 206-220-4318.

Sincerely,

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